Payment of D.A. to Central Government Employees

*17. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the consumer price index linked with the admissibility of Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees and 12-monthly average thereof from 1st January, 1985 to 30th June, 1985, month-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some more instalments of D.A. have become due for payment to the Central Government employees since January, 1985; and

(c) if so, by when the same are likely to be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The present pay scales of Central Government employees are linked to 200 points of the 12-monthly average of All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960-100). The employees are compensated for every 8 points increase in the 12-monthly index average beyond 200 points by grant of instalments of Dearness Allowance. Information regarding CPI on 30th June, 1985 has not been received from Labour Bureau, Simla so far. The CPI for the period 1st January, 1985 to 1st June, 1985 are as follows:

Date	Index	Average
1-1-85 . . .	588	576.00
1-2-85 . . .	588	578.08
1-3-85 . . .	585	580.08
1-4-85 . . .	586	582.41
1-5-85 . . .	594	585.33
1-6-85 . . .	600	588.50

(b) Consequent on the average index crossing 584 points at the end of April, 1985, one more instalment of D.A. has become due for consideration w.e.f. 1-5-1985.

(c) Payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and relief to pensioners cost the exchequer approximately Rs. 70 crores and Rs. 8 crores per annum respectively. Therefore, question of payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowance has to be considered carefully with regard to their impact on the economic situation and the budget. The question of sanction for payment of the instalment is receiving the attention of the Government. It is, however, not possible to indicate any time limit for taking a decision in this regard

Introduction of new Type of Employment Procedure by SAIL

*18. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN. Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has decided in favour of a new type of employment procedure known as 'Campus Interview' for appointment of graduate engineers;

(b) if so, which are the engineering institutions recognised for this purpose;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the graduate engineers from Regional Engineering College, Rourkela and other engineering colleges in Orissa are debarred appearing in 'Campus Interview; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any open advertisement for appointment of graduate engineers was made by the Steel Authority of India Limited as is done by the other public section undertakings; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) In 1984-85 Campus recruitment was made by Steel Authority of India Limited from the Indian Institute of Technology and the Institute of Technology,